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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

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SUBJECT: POST-ELECTION ACTIVITIES

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1. I HAVE ALREADY SENT CONGRATULATORY LETTER TO SARKIS, INFORMED HIM I WOULD BE LEAVING TUESDAY, AND PUTTING MYSELF AT HIS DISPOSITION FOR A FAREWELL CALL. GIVEN HEAT OF POLITICAL CLIMATE HERE, HE MAY FIND IT A BIT AWKWARD TO RECEIVE ME AS IT COULD BE VIEWED AS CONFIRMING OF SUSPICION HE WAS US/SYRIAN CANDIDATE. ON THE OTHER HAND, SAYING FAREWELL IS A WAY AROUND THAT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS BUT VAIN CONTACT WITH JUMBLATT CAMP. I WILL GET MESSAGE THROUGH TO HIM TODAY, TELLING HIM I AM LEAVING AND ASKING HIM TO RE-THINK HIS POSITION AND GET BACK INTO LEGALITY. HE IS VERY FAR OUT ON A LIMB RIGHT NOW.

3. I HAVE ALSO WRITTEN RAYMOND EDDE, CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS STATESMANLIKE POST-ELECTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT.

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